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## Family Fishing Day at Ashokan Reservoir Attracts More Than 160 Visitors to Ulster County



### **More high-resolution photos from the event are available on DEP's Flickr Page**

A total of 163 people attended Family Fishing Day at Ashokan Reservoir on Saturday, April 21. The event in Ulster County attracted families from the Catskill Mountains, Hudson Valley and New York City. It was hosted by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and co-sponsored by the state Department of Environmental Conservation. Experts were on hand to teach kids how to fish, and the state encouraged families to enjoy the great outdoors by waiving its fishing license requirements for the day. Photos from the event and information on future events can be found on DEP's watershed Facebook page at [facebook.com/nycwatershed](https://facebook.com/nycwatershed).

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.5 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$166 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership

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organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$19.1 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/dep](http://nyc.gov/dep), like us on [Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter](#).

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